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JOHN JOSEPH FRANK  
... trial opens

## Jury Told Trujillo Paid Frank Fees

Lawyer Linked  
To de Galindez  
As Trial Opens

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The Justice Department said yesterday it would link Attorney John Joseph Frank, former FBI agent, with the missing Jesus Maria de Galindez, a bitter critic of Dominican Republic strongman Rafael Trujillo.

Frank, who once worked for the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency, went on trial in District Court on a charge of failing to register as an agent for the Dominican government and Generalissimo Trujillo.

In his opening statement to the jury of nine women and three men, Justice Department Attorney William G. Hundley said the prosecution evidence would show that Frank personally conducted an investigation in New York into the activities of de Galindez and Nicholas Silfa, another foe of Trujillo.

De Galindez was a Columbia

University professor who vanished from New York in March, 1956.

Hundley said the Government evidence would show that Frank charged Trujillo \$20 an hour for his services plus fees for other informants watching de Galindez and Silfa.

He said the prosecution would prove that Frank reported directly to Trujillo on this investigation.

The prosecutor said he also would link Frank to Gerald L. Murphy, a 23-year-old American pilot who disappeared in the Dominican capital of Ciudad Trujillo in December, 1956. Last January the Dominican Government reported that Murphy apparently had been murdered by a Dominican airline pilot who later hanged himself.

The first Government wit-

ness in the trial, presided over by Judge James R. Kirkland, was Nathan B. Lenvin, Justice Department lawyer who is chief of the registration section of the Internal Security Division.

Lenvin said a search of the section's files failed to disclose any registration statement by Frank.

FBI Special Agent Fred C. Woodcock, the second witness, testified that he interviewed Frank in September and December, 1956, and again last January.

### Security Adviser

Woodcock testified Frank told him that he served as a security adviser to Trujillo when the Dominican leader visited Europe in 1954 and Kansas City, Mo., in 1955. Frank also said he had no knowledge of any Dominican

intelligence activities in the United States, the FBI agent testified.

Frank told him, Woodcock said, that he knew nothing of the de Galindez disappearance except what he read in the press. Regarding Murphy, Woodcock said, Frank related that he had met Murphy only once, in a bar in Ciudad Trujillo.

Hundley told the jury in his opening statement that Frank had met Murphy on a number of occasions and that Frank rented an airplane which later was flown to the Dominican Republic.

Life Magazine earlier this year linked a March 12, 1956, flight Murphy made from a New Jersey airport with the de Galindez disappearance. The Columbia professor was last seen leaving his classroom

at 9:30 p. m. March 12, 1956.

Defense Attorney Edward L. Carey reserved his opening statement to the jury and presumably will make it when the Government completes presentation of its evidence.

The trial will resume at 10 a. m. today.

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